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The Daily Press.

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The action of the French in blocking that
portion of the coast of Kwangtung between
the port of Pakhoi and Tonquin was at first
not easily explicable except by the sup-
position that it was preliminary an attempt to
send an expedition to Canton with the

West River. A Paris telegram to the *New
York Herald*, dated the 26th January, con-
tains an announcement which, if correct, would
throw some light upon this new movement.

According to this telegram, General Barres
de L'Isle is reported to have stated that
considering there are 80,000 Chinese troops
strongly entrenched in front of him, it is
impossible to make diversion and attack
them in the rear. He asks therefore that all
the reinforcements that have left France and
those about to follow, altogether about 12,000
men, with artillery and cavalry, be ordered,
not to Haiphong, but to Pakhoi, where they
will be disembarked. From Pakhoi these
troops will march to the frontier of the pro-
vince of Kwangtung and take the Chinese army
in the rear while General Negretti will
operate against the Chinese front, and, with-
out bringing on a serious engagement, en-
deavour to hold the enemy in position. The
telegram goes on to state that a Council of
war, composed of all the general officers that
are in France, including General Miller, was
to be held, at which this proposed modifi-
cation of the plan of campaign would be studied.

What the result of the deliberations of this
council was not transpired, but the block-
ade of the stretch of coast between Pakhoi
and Tonquin—supposing the council to
have been held—looks very much as though

General Barres de L'Isle's proposal has
been accepted. It is true that Langson has
been taken since the proposal was made, a
feat that the gallant General appears to
consider exceedingly difficult and likely to
involve a great sacrifice of men, which in-
deed has to some extent proved to be the
case, but the Chinese are still in great force
on the borders and evidently intend to at-
tempt its recapture. The march overland
from Pakhoi would be difficult, but it would
probably be unopposed, and the French are
now impeded with the importance of striking
a decisive blow, as they know time fights
for the Chinese. We believe there is only a
small garrison at Pakhoi, and no troops at
Lien Chau-fu, consequently the French would
meet with little resistance, and could prob-
ably impress natives into their service as
hag-
gag carriers, &c. Before recommending
such a move, General Barres de L'Isle must
have been well satisfied as to its practicability.
If this project is being

adopted it is a further proof that General
Lew, the new French Minister for
War, has determined upon the prosecution
of the most vigorous measures.

Whether he is also threatening the means to
render these rather risky steps successful we have not
sufficient information on which to found an
opinion.

Reinforcements are now constantly
passing through Singapore en route for
Tonquin, and if it is intended they shall land
at Pakhoi we presume they are equipped and
provided for the march. Of course they
would do a great deal in the way of
foraging while on the march, but it would not
be safe to rely solely upon that method of se-
curing provisions. They would have no dif-
ficulty in holding Pakhoi, as it would take
some time for the Chinese to send troops
down from Canton. On the other hand, it
is probable that, if it had been intended by
the French to make this overland march
they would have occupied Pakhoi.

Possibly the blockade is merely intended to
prevent the Chinese importing provisions
for their troops in Kwangtung. In view of the
doubts existing on the subject, we shall
await further intelligence concerning French
operations in regard to Pakhoi with much in-
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The new Stamp Ordinance will come into force
on the 1st April.

The Austrian steamship *Nostalgia* left Singa-
pore for Bangkok on the 25th ult.

The delivery of the American mail was begun
at 8 o'clock on Saturday morning.

The P. and O. steamer *Verona*, with the next
outward English mail, left Singapore at 8 a.m.
on Saturday for this port.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that Mr. Arthur
Seth, Clerk of Councils, resumed the duties
of his office on the 1st instant.

A report on the height of Victoria Peak, by
Dr. Dobroek, is published in Saturday's *Gazette*.

The altitude is 1,818 feet.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that persons in-
fringing the Foreign Settlement Act will be
prosecuted according to law.

At Manila on the 23rd ult. a woman was
brought to death through her clothes catching fire
as she had thrown down after lighting a cigarette.

It is rumoured (says the *Straits Times*) that
the Chinese authorities have issued a declaration
that horses, ponies, and mules will be considered
contraband of war.

The Pacific Mail S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of
Belo Horizonte*, with American mails, left
San Francisco on the 21st February for Yoko-
hama and this port.

The *Daily News* says that after Admiral
Courbet's encounter with the Chinese in Shekoop
Roads, some of his vessels went to Keling for
coal and provisions.

The Stamp Collector's return for February
shows the revenue from stamps for that month to
have been \$11,689, being a decrease of \$2,042.41
on that of the same month last year.

The right to construct a tramway to the Peak
in accordance with the terms of the Tramways
Ordinance, has been purchased from the pro-
moters by the Hon. F. Ryrie and Mr. Alexander
Findlay Smith for the sum of \$2,000. An Order
in Council authorising the purchase is published
in Saturday's *Gazette*.

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Neither of them could be found after the gates were closed after the explosion, and when the visitors came to be searched. It is supposed the woman and her escort escaped during the confusion which followed. The impact of the explosion is generally mentioned. An intense anti-Irish feeling is caused by the outrage, and it seems certain to have an unfavourable effect on Irishmen employed or seeking employment in England. Vigilance Committees and anti-Irish leagues of employers are called off.

It is estimated, according to the press, and confirmed by an employee in the House of Commons, that there are 1,000 men in support of Gladstone. Sir William Vernon Harcourt, Charles Bradlaugh, and 200 other members would have been killed.

The search for the visitors at the Tower after the explosion occupied four hours. The number of those injured by the explosion is as follows:

At the Tower, six injured seriously, four slightly. In the Parliament buildings, four seriously and ten slightly. The names of the injured were received by Committees of Cox and Colby, a civil engineer named Edwin Gran, visiting the Parliament buildings. Cox and Colby are still unconscious. Their recovery is hopeless.

Over 100 visitors were in the House of Commons when the explosion occurred in Westminster Hall. Most of them ran out of the building to ascertain the cause of the report, and then returned to their seats.

The Tower was quickly filled with visitors at the moment the explosion occurred. Many persons were seriously injured. One man had his legs smashed and another had an ear completely severed from his head. The two were taken to the hospital, where their wounds have been safely dressed.

At 7.30 p.m. excited crowds were still about the tower, and waiting for vengeance on some side. The number of people about the Parliament buildings is as great as ever and as tumultuous with excitement.

About sixty visitors were in the Tower at the time of the explosion. The explosive agent was placed in what is known as the banqueting hall in the White Tower. This hall is now used as an armoury, and in it were stored large numbers of muskets. The agent was destined to be shot into the powder magazine, but by the lack of those that the deadly component was placed. The dynamics played its maddest fraud with the rifles. Most of them were twisted into the most eccentric shapes imaginable and their distorted form scattered about the apartment in a marvel of confusion. All the glass and other fragile articles in the hall were smashed out of the windows, and to their former places. A large hole was caused through the floor of a room where the dynamics was stored. During the night a similar hole was blown through the roof. The woodwork was set on fire by the explosion, but before any serious damage had been done by the flames they were extinguished.

All persons arrested during the afternoon on suspicion of being implicated in to-day's crime have been released this evening, there being no sufficient evidence to warrant keeping them in custody. The police are still at work, however, and are making every effort to unravel the mystery.

Popular indignation ran so high and the clamor of the crowd for some one upon whom to wreak vengeance for the awful crime of the afternoon was so insatiate, that the persons arrested on suspicion narrowly escaped lynching when at liberty.

A FRENCH DENOUNCES THE LONDON OUTRAGE. MANCHESTER, 1st February.

O'Leary, a Fenian, lectured for 40 persons this evening. He condemned the recent outrages, and called upon the public to complete the punishment of Ireland. He characterized the dynamite agitators of America as ignorant and impudent fanatics.

O'Leary, giving the names of Cunningham, who had been arrested, and the others implicated, for scratching after the explosion at the Tower, had recently come from America, and was unable to give a satisfactory explanation of his object in visiting the Tower. He was taken into custody and conveyed to the police cells at the White Chapel, where he will be detained until able to give a clearer account of himself.

Temporary repairs have been ordered, to allow the House of Commons to meet on February 19th. Stricter regulations in regard to the admission of visitors have been ordered to be taken in future. The police, who were on duty at the entrance to the Parliament building Saturday state that they examined the pows of all the visitors that day without discovering anything of a suspicious character, and that nobody carrying a parcel like the one described as containing the explosive was seen to enter the building.

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The utmost precautions are being taken to prevent any repetition of the explosion, especially that the Government offices, the General Post Office, the Central Telegraph Office, and other stations. Cautious travellers are narrowly watched. Search parties to-day inspected all the public buildings from top to bottom. The Press Association has informed the Government that it has received a letter inclosing the plan of operations, contended by the dynamiters, and furnishing details of the active members of the dynamite faction. The letter, which was received by the newspaper, was addressed to the President of the Parliament, and included in the scheme of destruction. Steamer arriving at British ports are subjected to a minute search in order to prevent the importation of dynamite into the Kingdom. Hamburg steamers are specially watched.

THE DYNAMITE CONFERENCE. LONDON, 29th January.

It is reported that Major O'Conor, a young Nationalist, declines to attend the coming viceroyal levee at Dublin Castle. The door of the room was burst open by the force of the explosion and the centre panel of a door was shattered. A man servant was blown across the room, and the children were greatly terrified.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

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Quotations are—
Malwa (New)..... \$340 per picul, a piece of 24
to 3 catties.
Malwa (Old)..... \$350 per picul, a piece of 24
to 4 catties.
Patna (New)..... \$600 per cattie.
Patna (Old)..... \$620 to \$650 per chest.
Baroda (New)..... 585
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EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—
Bank Bills, on demand..... 3/5
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight..... 3/6
Bank Bills, at a month's sight..... 3/6
Credits, at 4 months' sight..... 3/6
Documentary Bills, at 3 months' sight..... 3/6
ON PARIS.—
Bank Bills, on demand..... 4/4
Credits, at 4 months' sight..... 4/5
ON BOMBAY.—Bank, 3 days' sight..... 2/21
ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, 3 days' sight..... 2/20
ON SHANGHAI.—
Bank, sight..... 7/21
Private, 30 days' sight..... 7/31

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—121 per cent. premium ex div.
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited—\$460 per share.
China Trade Insurance Company's Shares—\$63 per share.
North China Insurance—Tls. 285 per share.
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 130 per share.
Chinese Insurance Company, Limited—\$175 per share ex div.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 148 per share.

Canton Insurance Office, Limited—\$283 per share, ex div.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$342 per share, ex div.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$65 per share, ex div.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—49 per cent. prem. ex div.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co's Shares—\$27 per share premium, ex div.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Co's Shares—90 per cent. discount.

China and Manan Steamship Company, Limited—90 per cent. discount.

Douglas Steamship Company, Limited—Par, nominal.

Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$30 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$120 per share.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—Par.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—nominal Buyers.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$60 per share.

Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—\$142 per share.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$18 per share.

Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$25 per share.

Salween Tin Mining Company—\$13 per share.

Perak Sugar Refining Company (Debtors)—nominal Buyers.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$65 per share. Buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—1 per cent. dis.

HONGKONG TIDE-TABLE.

8th to 14th March, 1885.

HIGH WATER.

LOW WATER.

Date	Time	Hongkong Mean Tide	Elev.	Hongkong Mean Tide		Height Mean Tide
				High.	Low.	
M. 9	4 24	5	5	1	0	0 in.
Tu. 10	5 43	5	5	1	0	0 4 in.
W. 11	6 23	5	5	1	0	0 8 in.
Th. 12	6 31	5	5	1	0	0 2 in.
F. 13	7 30	5	5	1	0	0 6 in.
S. 14	7 07	5	5	1	0	0 1 in.
	7 30	5	5	1	0	0 9 in.

The height of mean sea-level has been determined at 7:56 feet above sea-level at the time of high-water at the North Point of Hongkong, and the height of mean sea-level at 7:56 feet above sea-level at the time of low-water at the same point, and the heights in these tables are referred to as 5:56 feet above sea-level.

The heights in the tables marked with a minus sign are below low-water, and should be referred to from the constants given above.

Low-Water Tide-Signs, &c., should be referred to from the constants given above.

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